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(C) On October 14, Emboff met with Tomaz Mencin, Head of the MFA's Division for Asia, Africa, and the Pacific, and Ambassador Maja Lovrencic-Svetek, who recently returned from Bratislava and will work on Afghanistan, to request Slovenian support for Afghan elections (reftel). Mencin explained that the current government will not take any new initiatives, and the MFA will have to wait and see how the new government will approach the issue. In the meantime, Mencin and Lovrencic-Svetek undertook to discuss our request with the Development Assistance Division. Mencin also cited the EU's June GAERC conclusions, when the EU stated its support for presidential and parliamentary elections in Afghanistan.
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